

A Merry Xmas to Friends and Readers

JAMES GRAY, FORMER MEMBER OF PROVO CITY COUNCIL DIES

James Gray Died at the Provo General Hospital Wednesday Morning at 7:30 After an Operation for Appendicitis—Was Honored Citizen.

At the age of sixty years, James Gray, well known as "Doc" Gray, died at the Provo hospital at seven-thirty Wednesday morning. Death was caused by appendicitis. Mr. Gray was operated on for the affliction but the case was too far gone and life could not be saved.

Mr. Gray was born in New Brunswick, Canada, February 23, 1849, and came to Provo in 1854. He leaves a wife and eight children. He has a daughter in California who has been notified of the death.

Mr. Gray was a respected citizen of Provo and is well known here. He has held several positions of trust, having been a member of the city council for several years.

The funeral will be held in the stake tabernacle at 1 p. m. Saturday.

THE NEWSPAPER GUY

I see a man pushing his way through the lines. Of cops where the work of the "fire friend" shines. "The Chief?" I inquire—but a fireman replies.

"Oh, no. Why that's one of those newspaper guys."

I see a man walk through the door of a show. Where great throngs are blocked by sign "S. H. G." "Is this man the star that no ticket buys?"

"Star, nothin'! He's one of those newspaper guys."

I see a man start on the trail of a crook. And he seizes the police, but he brings him to book. "Sherlock Holmes?" I inquire—some one scornfully cries:

"Sherlock H—! Naw, he's one of those newspaper guys."

And some day I'll pass by the great "Gates of Gold."

And see a man pass through unquestioned and bold.

"A Saint?" I'll ask and old Peter'll reply:

"No, he carries a pass—he's a newspaper guy."

Now, the fellow who wrote the above lines has never done newspaper work in Provo or he would hardly consider the life so easy.

He would have no trouble getting through the fire lines because Provo has few fires. The show people would treat him with consideration. He might catch a bad man and of course he would have no trouble in getting through the golden gates and receiving the recognition of Saint Peter, but he would have rather an embarrassing time if he wanted to get a report of some of the banquets which are held in this city.

This reporter would be obliged to wait around the halls until the fun was over and then bow and beg that a report of the proceedings be given him. If any reporter should fail to wait around the halls and the report of the proceedings not given, the reporter would be dubbed as a dead one. Some day even some of the people of Provo will consider reporters and their unthankful work.

Reserve your tables early for Xmas dinner at the Greer house. 35c.

THE PROVO MASONS INSTALL NEW SET OF OFFICERS

Officers were installed in the respective lodges of the Masons in this city last Tuesday evening. After the installation ceremonies a banquet was held in the Knights of Pythias hall. The following are the officers:

STORY LODGE NO. 4 F. & A. M.

S. H. Goodwin worshipful master, A. E. Buckler senior warden, Dr. J. E. Hosmer junior warden.

S. W. Sharp treasurer, Sharp secretary, John

trustee, George Craig senior deacon, W. H. Ray junior deacon, S. Roberts senior steward, J. Westphal junior steward, J. R. Kroupa, Tyler.

VALLEY CHAP. NO. 3, EAST'N STAR.

May E. Fredenburg W. M., Henry Blumenthal W. P., Myrta Blumenthal A. M., Harriet Kroupa secretary, James Holmes treasurer, Fawn Hedquist cond., Marie Roberts ass't cond., Florence Bishop, Ada; Lettie Nold, Ruth; Amanda Sharp, Esther; Anna Marwick, Martha; Theresa Holmes, Electa; Caroline Blumenthal, warden, R. J. Kroupa sentinel.

PROVO CHAP. NO. 4 R. A. MASONS.

S. H. Adams, high priest; C. S. Ruffner, king; D. R. Beebe, scribe; John Marwick, treasurer; Geo. W. Craig, secretary; S. H. Goodwin, cap. host; S. W. Sharp, P. S.; H. G. Blumenthal, R. A. C.; A. E. Buckler, M. of 2nd V.; E. E. Corfman, M. of 2nd V.; R. W. Townsend, M. of 1st V.; R. J. Kroupa, sentinel.

H. J. PHILLIPS BECOMES A RESIDENT OF PROVO

H. J. Phillips a prominent business man of Heber has purchased the Mrs. C. O. Newell home in this city and will make Provo his home.

"I looked over the situation and decided that Provo is the best resident city in the state. In my estimation it is better than Salt Lake. In fact, I prefer Provo and will place her against any city in the state." Mr. Phillips is a member of the Commercial club and his locating in this city adds another Provo booster to the list.

Suit for divorce has been commenced by Iva Brady against Thomas W. Brady on the grounds of failure to provide. The custody of a minor child and \$25 a month alimony is asked for. The parties were married in Salt Lake City Jan. 23, 1906.

The following couples have secured marriage licenses: Robert E. Kelly of American Fork and Levered Powell of Lehi, Ernest Hooper of Ogden and Louise Nelson of Provo, Gideon Peay and Anetta Ferre both of Provo, Ray Searle and Edna Johnson both of Provo.

The Sunday school of the Baptist church will hold its Christmas entertainment this evening at 7:30 o'clock. A unique feature is that the admission fee for non-members of the school is a potato, an apple, an onion or some other vegetable or fruit which will, included with

making to those less favored. A program of music, recitations, etc., will be rendered by the school. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Best Xmas dinner 35c at Greer house.

CHRISTMAS

The DEMOCRAT takes great pleasure in extending the compliments of the season to all readers and friends. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Centuries have passed since the heavenly minstrels called out to the shepherds on the plains of Judea, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men." The ever sweet story of the birth of the son of David has been made known to millions of souls since the memorable day and the spirit of good characterizes the whole civilized world during the Christ-birth holiday. Whatever may be contended by skeptics or the egotistical, it must be conceded that no man has ever brought forth the spirit of unselfishness, liberality, broadmindedness and forgiveness given to the world by the Prince of David's House. For the sublime principles of peace taught by Him, we commemorate Christmas.

Many lessons are to be learned from His teachings. Not only during Yule-tide, should they be remembered, but throughout the year and forever. Making others happy is the great lesson of Christmas. Man is happy when he can bring joy to others.

readers and friends find happiness and joy during the Yule-tide holidays. May to make others happy. Learn the lessons of unselfishness, forgiveness and peace and may happiness linger with all forever.

MYSTIC TOILERS, A ORDER, IS ORGANIZED

A new fraternal order was instituted in this city Tuesday night with forty charter members, which must be considered a most satisfactory beginning. The order is that of the Mystic Toilers, and the council organized here is known as Provo Council No. 906, and is the first in the state. The council was organized by Supreme President R. V. Brown, of Salt Lake, and Mrs. R. V. Brown, who express themselves highly pleased with the large membership and the favorable conditions for the growth of the order here.

The headquarters of the order is in Des Moines, Ia. It has been in existence ten years, and in that time has reached a very prominent stage in fraternal organizations. The plan of organization has been arranged by persons who have had years of experience in fraternal orders, and contains many valuable features. Men and women are admitted on an equal basis. The officers of the Provo Council are: President, A. H. DeLong; vice-president, J. H. Horton; secretary, John W. Guy; treasurer, Wm. P. Baker.

CITY OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND GRAY FUNERAL.

At the meeting of the city council held last evening as a committee on entertainment for the Municipal League, it was decided that all members of the present council and city officers would attend the funeral of Former Councilman James Gray in a body, and also that all former members of the council, and former city officials be invited to attend.

PROVO ENTERPRISING MERCHANTS GIVE SPLENDID WINDOW DISPLAY

Hundreds of People Stroll at Night Viewing the Displays in the Store Windows.

The enterprising merchants of Provo are displaying considerable skill in the way of window dressing and hundreds of people have been coming down town in the evenings to view their efforts. The children have been made happy by the Santa Claus features and the youngsters who have been trying to tell the younger ones that there is no Santa Claus have been given the firmest rebuke. "Because I saw Santa Claus down town," the little folks would say.

Beautifully dressed windows are some of the features of Yuletide. The best dressed show window receives the most notice, which will account for the efforts put forth by the respective merchants. In this city there are many windows which deserve mention and the enterprise of the firm is clearly displayed by the display put forth.

Santa Claus work shop can be seen at Barton & Blakes and it has been of great interest to the little folks. While Santa Claus' working hours have been somewhat limited the idea of seeing Santa's work shop has pleased the children.

Fletcher and Thomas have a prettily decorated Christmas tree in their window. It is burdened with suggestive presents for gentlemen. The color effect is good.

Sutton Market and Provo Meat and Packing Co. have a display of food stuffs in their windows, carefully displayed with holly and evergreen. Fruits, candy and nuts and other tasty articles help to make the windows attractive.

The electric star over the entrance of Farrer Bros. store can be seen from a distance and lends good appearance. The windows are filled with useful presents, properly selected and carefully displayed.

Irvine & Son too, have a display of merit. Prizes which will be given away at this store are shown in the window. A peep at these windows would surely suggest that Christmas is near.

The eyes of the boys and girls are attracted by the display made at J. E. Batts store. Santa Claus is here exhibited and a decorated Christmas tree is also evident. Any boy or girl could be satisfied with the toys that are found in the window and many of the little chaps linger long at these windows and discuss which they would rather have.

Startup's, The Toggery, Sam Schwab, Wood-Clifton, Taylor Bros., Passey's, all have pleasing displays.

Here's to the enterprising merchants of Provo.

MAYORS TO RECEIVE ROYAL WELCOME IN PROVO.

The city council committee, consisting of Mayor Decker, Former Mayor Frisby, and the members of the city council, met last night to make arrangements for entertaining the Municipal League of the state which meets here on the 29th and 30th. The following committees were appointed:

General committee of arrangements—Mayor Decker, J. H. Frisby.

Reception—Thomas, Giles, Beebe.

Entertainment—Powells, Kaulsen, Miller.

Program—Newell, Jensen, Carter.

The League will meet Tuesday (29th) in the forenoon and afternoon in the Commercial club rooms to attend to league business. In the evening a public meeting will be held (probably in the tabernacle) at which prominent speakers will be heard on civic questions.

On Wednesday the League will again hold two meetings in the Commercial club rooms, and in the evening a banquet will be given in honor of the visitors. The following is the complete program.

PROGRAM TUESDAY

Address of Welcome, Mayor Decker; response, President E. W. Robinson, ex-mayor of Logan; "Influence of Taxation on the Prosperity of Cities," Dr. George Thomas, U. A. C.; General Discussion; "Duty of Cities in Forbidding the Circulating and posting of Suggestive Pictures and Literature," W. B. Lowry, Mayor of Mantia.

Tuesday p. m. Popular Lecture "Public Service by private Citizens," President Geo. H. Brimhall.

PROGRAM WEDNESDAY

"Should Utah Have Local Option," Hon. W. H. King; General Discussion; "The Des Moines plan of City Government," Mayor Bransford of Salt Lake City; General Discussion; "What the Cities of Utah have and what they should have in relation to Sanitation," Dr. T. B. Beatty, Salt Lake city; General Discussion.

Wednesday p. m. Organization; place and time of next convention; amendments to constitution and by-laws; cities will be called upon to report the success of their municipally owned utilities. The League will be given a banquet by the citizens of Provo.

MINING MAN PRAISES THE GRIT OF UNCLE JESSE IN BUILDING SMELTER

Interesting Interview is Given Concerning Work Accomplished by "Provo Mining Wizard"—Smelter will Have Much to do with Mining.

When Uncle Jesse Knight first began to consider the completing of the Tintic smelter, there were many people of the opinion that he was about to gather in a proposition of the "gold brick" variety. A trip to Tintic will demonstrate to any one that Uncle Jesse obtained a gold brick but not of the bunko brand.

The completion of the Tintic smelter by the Knight companies has brought forth much favorable comment these days for the manner in which the ores are being handled and the success being gained. When it is considered that hundreds of bars of bullion are being turned out each day the "knockers" are compelled to sit up and take notice.

The sentiment against Uncle Jesse has been changed. Instead of being the victim of hardy knockers, he is now being considered as shrewd and a capable reader of the future. When he first decided to take over the smelter proposition this was not the case. The following interview was given out in the morning papers, which shows the change in opinion:

"I believe the time is here when we must take off our hats to 'Uncle' Jesse Knight," said a well-known mining engineer Tuesday on returning from the Tintic district. "Mr. Knight has been up against some pretty severe criticism relative to the Knight smelter in Tintic, but he is understood that he knew what he was doing, and has brought into actual being a very successful smelting plant, one whose present performances are on a par with those of any first-class smelter in the whole land."

"We also were inclined to criticize him when he stopped his ore shipments several months ago to the smelters of the United States company. We thought he should continue to ship in order to keep up the large dividend rate. He ceased the shipments because he was certain he could make a greater amount of profit by sending the rock to his own plant, even though it would have to wait for his smelter to be whipped into proper shape before shipments could be made. The Colorado is now sending to this plant 150 tons of high-grade silver-lead ore daily, and it will not be many days until the Colorado ships 200 tons of this rock a day. To my notion, this means better dividends from the first of the year than the December distribution. 'Uncle' Jesse knows what he is about, and all credit is due him and his judgment on the way his affairs are now conducted out."

The DEMOCRAT is in receipt of beautiful calendars from W. H. Ray and Co., Startup Candy Co., the Electric Co. and the Moore Drug Co.

Don't cook on Xmas. Eat at the Greer house. Tables reserved if ordered in advance. Dinner 35c.

Gillette Safety Razors, Smoot Drug Co. Agents.



James J. Corbett at Opera Saturday Night